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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF GREGORY DRESSER AS NEW DIRECTOR-CHIEF COUNSEL

The Commission on Judicial Performance announces the selection of Gregory Dresser as its new Director-Chief Counsel. Mr. Dresser presently serves as Deputy Chief Trial Counsel for the State Bar of California. Mr. Dresser has served as Interim Chief Trial Counsel for the State Bar and as Assistant Chief Trial Counsel. Prior to joining the State Bar, he was a litigation partner at Morrison & Foerster. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

"Greg Dresser brings an exceptional complement of skills and experience to the unique role of Director-Chief Counsel," said Presiding Justice Ignazio J. Ruvolo, Chairperson of the commission. "His work in the attorney discipline system as well as his years as a partner at a major law firm will greatly benefit the commission in the challenges it faces. As testimony to his expertise and dedication, he was sought after by both the State Bar to serve as Chief Court Counsel to lead the State Bar Court and by the commission for its Director-Chief Counsel. The commission is fortunate that Greg ultimately determined to join us and we look forward to working with him."

"I am honored that the commission selected me to serve as Director-Chief Counsel, and am excited to get started. I am looking forward to doing what I can to fulfill the commission's mission of protecting the public, enforcing high standards of judicial conduct, and maintaining public confidence in the integrity and independence of the courts," said Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Dresser will replace Victoria Henley, who is retiring at the end of the year.

The commission is composed of six public members, three judges and two lawyers. The chairperson is Hon. Ignazio J. Ruvolo of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at http://cjp.ca.gov.